**ABSOLUTE RATING: Good** 

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 89.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## **RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**

Absolute Rating Good

Improvement Rating Unsatisfactory

2001 2002

2003

2004 (Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









English/ **Mathematics** Language Arts

**Mathematics** 

English/ Language Arts

**Advanced** 

**Proficient** 





**Below Basic** 

## **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT					
	English/			Social	
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies	
All students (n=450)	81.1	73.1	N/A	N/A	
Students with disabilities other than					
Speech (n=26)	N/A	N/A			
Students without disabilities (n=422)	84.6	74.9			
Gender					
Male (n=219)	77.2	72.3			
Female (n=229)	85.6	73.9			
Ethnic Group					
African American (n=106)	73.6	58.9			
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A			
White (n=337)	84	77.8			
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A			
Lunch Status Group					
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=169)	72.2	64.1			
Pay for lunch (n=279)	87.1	78.6			

# **SCHOOL PROFILE** INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Dollars spent per student</li> </ul>	\$5,014	N/A	\$5,156	\$5,347
<ul> <li>Prime instructional time</li> </ul>	89.7%	Down from 90.3	% 90.8%	90.2%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.7 to 1	N/A	19.1 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=930)				
Attendance Rate	94.8%	Down from 96.1	,	96.2%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>	0.7%	N/A	3.5%	4.1%
<ul> <li>Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level</li> </ul>	0.4%	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
<ul> <li>First graders who attended full day kindergarten</li> </ul>	95%	Up from 93.4%	96.1%	96.3%
<ul> <li>Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	3.2%	Up from 2.7%	3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=63)				
<ul> <li>Professional Development days per teacher</li> </ul>	8.7 Days	Up from 8	7.7 Days	7.6 days
Attendance Rate	95.8%	Down from 95.9	% 95.5%	95.1%
<ul> <li>Teachers with advanced degrees</li> </ul>	41.3%	Down from 42.9	% 48%	47.7%
Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Down from 78.6	% 84.7%	83.8%
<ul> <li>Teachers with out-of-field permits</li> </ul>	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.9%	Up from 85.7%	88.2%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$35,932	Up 3.9%	\$38,047	\$37,520

### **SCHOOL FACTS**

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
<ul> <li>Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries</li> </ul>	62.9%	N/A	64.7%	65.3%
<ul> <li>Principal's years at the school</li> </ul>	10	N/A	4	4.0
<ul> <li>Parents attending conferences</li> </ul>	99%	N/A	97.6%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
On academic plans	50.3%	Up from 20.7%	39.8%	43.1%
<ul> <li>On academic probation</li> </ul>	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
<ul> <li>Older than usual for grade</li> </ul>	0.9%	Up from 0.7%	1%	1.1%
<ul> <li>Suspended or expelled</li> </ul>	3	N/A	0	1
<ul> <li>Gifted and talented</li> </ul>	16%	Up from 10.7%	15.4%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	6.3%	Up from 4.4%	8.5%	8.4%

# PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Knightsville Elementary School, a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, excelled during the 2000-2001 school year. Our diverse student population has increased to over 1000 students, calling for a new addition (eight classrooms) to our facility that was completed in January. We will have 70 certified staff members next year.

Our recent PACT score report documents that we experienced the largest percentage of gain in scores for our district. The percentage of students who scored "below basic" is lower than the percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch at every grade. We anticipate an acceleration of this growth when 2001 scores are reported. The faculty and staff have embraced standards-based instruction. We focused on developing appropriate tests and assessments to compliment the PACT and the SC standards. Every grade has recreated assessments in reading and math with an emphasis on higher-level thinking, descriptive and expressive writing, and a focus on the standards. We have continued our emphasis on innovation and high expectations, which enhance student learning by "piloting" 1/2 day planning sessions for all staff members. During this time, teachers devoted time to the development of enhanced instructional practices and techniques that will ultimately be reflected in improved student learning and higher test scores. Our plan for 2001-2002 includes summer computer training with follow-up training in the fall. We will add a second computer lab. Student lab activities will include creation of documents and production of curriculum related materials that demonstrate student computer proficiencies. We continue to provide student support services that extend the education of our students beyond the traditional three R's, student-led conferences in the 5th grade, conflict resolution strategies, an after-school enrichment program (soccer, cake decorating, baton twirling, Spanish, etc.), J.A.G.(a male mentoring program), and Big and Little Buddies in kindergarten.

The obstacles of poverty, lack of county school funding, and inadequate planning time for teachers continue to be diligently addressed through our School Planning and Management Team, our school renewal plan, and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation process.

The faculty, staff and administration at Knightsville Elementary will continue to provide a quality learning environment, a tradition of excellence, and will maintain a vision for the success of our students.

Dr. Judith Franchini



Knightsville Elementary 847 Orangeburg Road Summerville, SC 29483

**Grades** PK-5 Elementary School

**Enrollment: 930 Students** 

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# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card
Report Card

2001

School Grade: Average

### **EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

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Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents	
Satisfied with learning environment	94.2	85.1	(Avail. 2002)	
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.1	89.0		
Satisfied with home-school relations	87.0	89.7		

### **DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS**

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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